

Florida State Fact Sheet

USDA Economic Research Service
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/statefacts/>

Data updated December 9, 2009

Population, Income, Education, and Employment

Population			
	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Year			
1980	2,242,188	7,504,773	9,746,961
1990	799,413	12,138,513	12,937,926
2000	1,009,305	14,973,073	15,982,378
2008 (latest estimates)	1,172,421	17,155,919	18,328,340

More information on Florida population

- [County-level Population Data](#)
- [Rural Population and Migration Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact John Cromartie, 202-694-5421.](#)

Income			
	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Per-capita income (2007 dollars)			
2006	27,181	38,894	38,156
2007	27,382	39,167	38,417
Percent change	1.5	1.4	1.4
Earnings per job (2007 dollars)			
2006	31,731	43,182	42,656
2007	31,510	42,393	41,895
Percent change	-1.4	-3.7	-3.6
Poverty rate (percent)			
1979	20.3	13	13.5
1989	17.8	12.4	12.7
1999	16.1	12.3	12.5
2008 (latest model-based estimates)	17.8	13	13.3

More information on Florida poverty rates

- [County-level Poverty Data](#)
- [Rural Income, Poverty, and Welfare Briefing Room](#)

- [See important notes about decennial and model-based intercensal poverty estimates](#)
- [Contact Tracey Farrigan, 202-694-5489](#)

Education (Persons 25 and older)

	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Percent not completing high school			
1980	44.7	32.6	33.3
1990	34.1	25	25.6
2000	26.5	19.7	20.1
Percent completing high school only			
1980	34	35.1	35
1990	33.9	29.9	30.1
2000	35.4	28.3	28.7
Percent completing some college			
1980	12.2	17.1	16.8
1990	21.1	26.3	26
2000	25.3	29.1	28.8
Percent completing college			
1980	8.8	15.3	14.9
1990	10.9	18.8	18.3
2000	12.8	23	22.3

More information on Florida education

- [County-level Education Data](#)
- [Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact Robert Gibbs, 202-694-5423](#)

Employment

	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Total number of jobs			
2006	482,687	10,037,131	10,519,818
2007	489,119	10,190,764	10,679,883
Unemployment rate (percent)			
2007	4.3	4.1	4.1
2008	6.4	6.2	6.2

More information on Florida unemployment rates

- [County-level Unemployment and Median Household Income Data](#)
- [Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact Lorin Kusmin, 202-694-5429](#)

Percent employment change			
2005-2006	4.1	3.4	3.5
2006-2007	1.1	1.5	1.5
2007-2008	1.1	-0.8	-0.7

* [Urban and rural \(metro and nonmetro\) definitions are based on the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) June 2003 classification. See Measuring Rurality: New Definitions in 2003 for more information.](#)

More information on socioeconomic conditions

- [Rural Emphasis Page](#)
- [Contact Tim Parker, 202-694-5435.](#)

Farm Characteristics

1997, 2002 and 2007 Census of Agriculture			
	1997	2002	2007
Approximate total land area (acres)	34,558,261	34,513,162	34,313,428
Total farmland (acres)	10,659,777	10,414,877	9,231,570
Percent of total land area	30.8	30.2	26.9
Cropland (acres)	3,610,304	3,715,257	2,953,340
Percent of total farmland	33.9	35.7	32
Percent in pasture	24	29.7	19.4
Percent irrigated	48.2	45.7	48.2
Harvested Cropland (acres)	2,434,379	2,313,537	2,112,129
Woodland (acres)	2,214,235	2,485,733	2,330,336
Percent of total farmland	20.8	23.9	25.2
Percent in pasture	50.7	62.7	56.1
Pastureland (acres)	4,184,037	3,400,193	3,221,202
Percent of total farmland	39.3	32.6	34.9
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)	651,201	813,694	726,692
Percent of total farmland	6.1	7.8	7.9
Conservation practices			

Farmland in conservation or wetlands reserve programs (acres)	140,132	97,267	224,867
Average farm size (acres)	233	236	195
Farms by size (percent)			
1 to 99 acres	76.9	76.5	79.7
100 to 499 acres	16.7	16.7	14.8
500 to 999 acres	2.9	3	2.6
1000 to 1,999 acres	1.6	1.9	1.4
2,000 or more acres	1.8	1.9	1.5
Farms by sales (percent)			
Less than \$9,999	64.9	63.4	65.4
\$10,000 to \$49,999	18.2	19.4	18.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5.1	5.6	5.1
\$100,000 to \$499,999	7.4	7.3	6.7
More than \$500,000	4.3	4.2	4.4
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner (farms)	36,240	36,593	39,746
Percent of total	79.1	83	83.7
Part owner (farms)	6,667	5,510	6,050
Percent of total	14.6	12.5	12.7
Tenant owner (farms)	2,901	1,978	1,667
Percent of total	6.3	4.5	3.5
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	37,138	37,119	39,792
Percent of total	81.1	84.2	83.8
Family-held corporations (farms)	4,266	3,509	4,178
Percent of total	9.3	8	8.8
Partnerships (farms)	3,212	2,429	2,417
Percent of total	7	5.5	5.1
Non-family corporations (farms)	723	567	515
Percent of total	1.6	1.3	1.1

Others - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	469	457	561
Percent of total	1	1	1.2
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	56.3	57	58.4
Percent with farming as their primary occupation	41.9	52.2	44
Men	38,997	35,965	37,034
Women	6,811	8,116	10,429
More information on farm characteristics			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census of Agriculture • Contact NASS Customer Service, 1-800-727-9540. 			

Farm Financial Indicators

Farm income and value added data		
	2007	2008
Number of farms	47,500	47,500
	Thousands \$	
Final crop output	6,563,588	6,595,238
+ Final animal output	1,366,707	1,376,563
+ Services and forestry	681,988	646,179
= Final agricultural sector output	8,612,283	8,617,980
- Intermediate consumption outlays	4,408,567	4,579,397
+ Net government transactions	-85,032	-45,272
= Gross value added	4,118,683	3,993,311
- Capital consumption	398,234	415,300
= Net value added	3,720,449	3,578,011
- Factor payments	1,723,797	1,837,179
Employee compensation (total hired labor)	1,275,457	1,413,763

Net rent received by nonoperator landlords	41,049	31,315
Real estate and nonreal estate interest	407,291	392,101
= Net farm income	1,996,652	1,740,832

More information on farm income

- [Farm Income Data](#)
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact Roger Strickland, 202-694-5592.](#)

Farm balance sheet

- [Estimation of State-level Balance Sheets has been suspended. See the Farm Balance Sheet data page for more information.](#)

Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2008

	Value of thousand \$	Percent of state farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Greenhouse/nursery	1,931,750	24.2	12
2. Oranges	1,340,655	16.8	68.1
3. Tomatoes	622,251	7.8	26.2
4. Dairy products	464,204	5.8	1.3
5. Cane for sugar	442,166	5.5	52
All commodities	7,978,081		2.5

More information on Florida's top agriculture commodities

- [Leading commodities for cash receipts in a text file](#)
- [Contact Ted Covey, 202-694-5344.](#)

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2008

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Other	2	814.2

2. Fruits and preparations	3	771.3
3. Vegetables and preparations	5	214.2
4. Feeds and fodders	11	100.7
5. Live animals and meat	24	56.5
Overall rank	17	2,172.10

More information on agricultural exports

- [State Export Data](#)
- [Agricultural Trade Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact Nora Brooks, 202-694-5211.](#)

Top 5 counties in agricultural sales 2007

	Percent of state	Thousands \$
1. Palm Beach County	12	931,731
2. Miami-Dade County	8.5	661,100
3. Hendry County	7.3	567,429
4. Hillsborough County	6.3	488,220
5. Polk County	5.1	398,956
State total		7,785,228

More information on agricultural sales

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- [Contact NASS Customer Service, 1-800-727-9540.](#)

Data Sources

Prepared by Economic Research Service, USDA, Washington, DC.